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INTERNATIONAL WEEK:
ISO INVITES YOU TO GET A TASTE OF THE WORLD

SPORTS:
COACH MCGINNIS GETS 600th WIN AS HEAD COACH

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inTHE NEWS

JSU, Bb. First eLearning Symposium

Jacksonville State University announced plans today to host the first Blackboard eLearning Symposium on its campus on Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22, 2011. The event is sponsored by Blackboard Inc.

This two-day event is free to attend and limited to the first 500 higher education faculty, technologists, and leaders from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi. All meals will be provided.

The keynote speaker for day one of the event is Katie Blot, Senior Vice President of Blackboard Learn Consulting. In her role, Katie oversees Blackboard's strategic consulting and solution

By **ED MOORE**
STAFF WRITER

Jacksonville State University and The International Student Organization have teamed up together since last semester to present the annual Jacksonville State University International Week. JSU International Week is considered one of the biggest projects of the ISO. So far, the week has been composed of events such as a soccer games, a silent auction, and game nights. International Week has been held at JSU for the past 10 years and is one of the strongest traditions of the organization. "It's

International Week

ISO Brings back Silent Auction, Taster's Fair

International Taste Fair. "The Jacksonville community can get a taste of international food," said Gonzalez. "It's one of the major events that brings the com-

declared Sandra Karumberia, secretary for the International Student Organization. "We have done a lot of promotion."

The officers of ISO stressed heavily on the premise that this event was not planned on an exclusive or invitational basis. "This event is not just for the international house," expressed Andres Camacho, Vice President of ISO, "it's for the community." "Our events are for everybody," added Karumberia. "Not just international students and not just people from Jacksonville. We would love to have people from everywhere!" The Taster's fair will also feature a talent show that will include singing and dancing from both International and American students. "I think this year is going to be better," said Camacho. "We've got some new ideas." Every year the international students from the International House and the JSU campus get together to



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JSU Drama Presents: "The Exonerated"

JSU Drama presents "THE EXONERATED" a drama by Jessica Blank & Eric Jensen. Production dates are March 31, April 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. and April 3 at 2 p.m.

This production contains strong prison language and situations, and is not recommended for children under the age of 13. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for JSU personnel and senior citizens; and \$5 for students.

Brief Synopsis: How many have been wrongfully accused? How many of those wrongfully convicted? How few of those exonerated? This profoundly intense play about six wrongfully convicted survivors of death row will make you stop and think about "justice." We hear in their own words stories of these six brave souls who persevered and survived a system gone wrong.

and game nights. International Week has been held at JSU for the past 10 years and is one of the strongest traditions of the organization. "It is a lot of work," explained ISO President Camila Gonzalez. "We work as a team so everything can be successful." The silent auction that was held on Monday & Tuesday consisted of an assortment of scarves, bracelets, purses, and shirts, decorative ornaments among other souvenirs donated by the students from the country of their origin. Although the week has been a success so far, many of the representatives from ISO agreed that the anticipation is truly set upon Saturday afternoon's

International Items up for bid at the Silent Auction. **Photo by KEVIN BRANT / THE CHANTICLEER**

munity together." The International Taster's Fair will feature a variety of international appetizers, entrées and deserts from around the globe. It is expected to have over 200 attendees spanning across the region from Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Gadsden, and Georgia. "So far, I think it's going to be a success."

students. "I think this year is going to be better," said Camacho. "We've got some new ideas." Every year the international students from the International House and the JSU campus get together to prepare a show in which the variety of cultures they represent are displayed to JSU and the Jacksonville community.

The International Taster's Fair will be held on Saturday at 5pm at The Leone Cole Auditorium. Admission is free.

Women of Distinction at Leone Cole

By CAITLIN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

The Leone Cole Auditorium was the location of the Women of Distinction Luncheon held last Thursday. The event was a benefit luncheon for the Girl Scouts of North Alabama, and the proceeds and donations went to the Girl Scouts to support their different programs and activities. The main event was an awards ceremony that honored active Girl Scouts and women that have contributed to their communities. Women from counties in this area were nominated and winners were chosen by a selection

committee made up of former honorees.

The event started with the Presentation of the Colors by scouts present. The Girl Scouts of troop 20022 were scheduled to do the flag ceremony and the Girl Scout Promise & Invocation but were unavailable due to SAT testing at their school, so other scouts stepped in. After this, lunch was served (catered by Sodexo). During the lunch, Dr. Jenny Gauld talked about her experiences as a young girl participating in the scouts in Gadsden, the friendships she formed there and how it helped her to develop

into the "collaborative leader" she is today. She told a story about how the Girl Scout ring she wears daily came into her possession after finding it in an antique shop in Denver, CO. After Dr. Gauld's speech, Dr. Valerie Richardson, the Luncheon Chair and emcee as well as a recipient of the award last year, presented the awards. She commented that receiving an Women of Distinction award was "truly a remarkable achievement."

The Gold Award winners were presented first. "That really is a more demanding process than even getting Eagle Scout," said Dr. Gauld. The

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Photo by Steve Latham

Gamecocks split with UT Martin

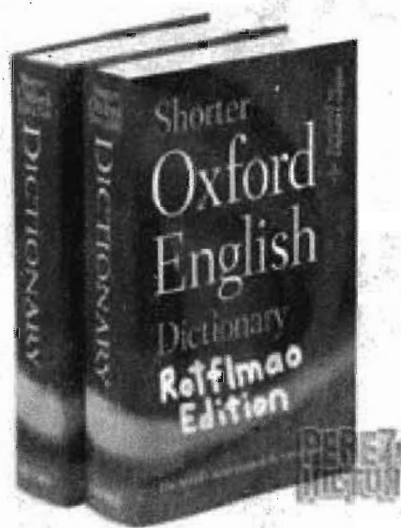
JACKSONVILLE — Ben Waldrip hit a pair of home runs, while Jake Sharrock and Scott Underwood each added another home run to lead Jacksonville

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COMMUNITY, CAMPUS AND SOCIAL NEWS YOU CAN USE

Wacky, Tacky, but True!



WTF? OMG, LOL, & FYI Added To Oxford English Dictionary!

ORLY?

The online edition of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) has officially added OMG, LOL, and FYI to its pages.

Here's what the dictionary had to say about these additions:

"Of course in such a context initialisms are quicker to type than the full forms, and (in the case of text messages, or Twitter, for example) they help to say more in media where there is a limit to a number of characters one may use in a single message. OMG and LOL are found outside of electronic contexts, however - in print, and even in spoken use where there often seems to be a bit more than simple abbreviation going on."

And here's OED on uses of these



The Haunting Of American Idol!

Oh man! This has low-budget, direct-to-DVD horror flick written all over it!

The remaining American Idol contestants have reportedly moved out of the Beverly Hills mansion they were set up in at the beginning of the reality competition...because they believe that it's HAUNTED!

LOLz! No, we're not making this up. AMAZING, right?!

Source closes to production claim that

One For All

"All for one, one for all, that is our device."

-Alexandre Dumas

By Logan Huggins
Staff Columnist

I am nostalgic. Unfortunately, I also have a painfully awful memory. These two conflicting characteristics make a quite interesting pair.

As long as I can remember (which isn't saying much) I've had terrible trouble remembering certain things. Whether it be driving directions, peoples' names, or the occasional elementary-level spelling word, I've continuously struggled recollecting the minute details of life.

My personal lapse of retention is in direct conflict with my heavy sense of nostalgia, as I mentioned before.

As a deeply nostalgic person, I thoroughly enjoy the occasional stroll down memory lane. Whether it be mom's famous baby scrapbook, grandparents' stories of 'back then,' or looking through old nicknacks left over from my childhood, I always get a heartwarming feeling from reminding myself of life gone by.

Over Spring Break I had some free time to do some spring cleaning around my house. My undertaking brought me to my family's impressive accumulation of DVD's and VHS's. I slowly began reorganizing the tapes and cases. Every once in a while I would find a gem from our Disney VHS collection.

I'm sure as your reading this, you're imagining your own per-

Although I've never kept a journal I have my own way to keep record of my day to day life, my calendar.

For the past couple years, I've used my monthly calendar to chronicle my daily adventures (at least the ones worth remembering). Nothing major, just little notes or phrases that are enough to refresh my memory of what happened.

Having something tangible to record my memories on will someday prove absolutely priceless when I reminisce on them. I look forward to the day I get to explain to my grandchildren what life was like when I was their age. With my calendars full of memories and notes, I'll have something solid to go off of.

This may all seem really weird or pointless to some of you. To some, I may sound like those people off the show, "Hoarders."

That's not even close to what I was talking about. I have yet to save the first banana peel or piece of chewing gum for the sake of nostalgia. That's just nasty.

I'm talking about the little things that would be enough to remind you of some happy past memory in your life. Think about it, if the activity was worth doing in the first place; the memory is probably worth remembering later on.

Chances are, when we get

a number of characters one may use in a single message. OMG and LOL are found outside of electronic contexts, however - in print, and even in spoken use where there often seems to be a bit more than simple abbreviation going on."

And here's OED on uses of these "words," pre-Internet:

"OMG is from a personal letter from 1917; the letters LOL had a previous life, starting in 1960, denoting an elderly woman [as 'little old lady'] and the entry for FYI, for example, shows it originated in the language of memoranda in 1941."

More from OED's chief editor John Simpson:

"It is remarkable to see how much the environment has changed over the ten years since the OED first went online."

This is great news! You can say what you want about Internet lingo compromising the integrity of the English language...but there's no denying the fact that Scrabble just got a WHOLE lot easier!

Will U start using OMG, LOL, and FYI more, now that they're officially in the dictionary?

out of the Beverly Hills mansion they were set up in at the beginning of the reality competition...because they believe that it's HAUNTED!

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the cast has repeatedly complained about lights flickering on and off inside the house, followed by an out of the blue spider infestation. However, the deal-breaker for them was when multiple people watched a bed sheet float down an empty hallway ON ITS OWN!

They then demanded that producers move them to a different location, to which they were obliged!

Poor guys! Didn't they realize that all the 'paranormal activity' is from the ghosts of contestants past?

Why do you think no one has seen Taylor Hicks, Kimberly Caldwell, or Sanjaya in a while?! Their spirits were trying to warn the newbies that their careers get trapped in that house once the show ends, too!

LOLz! Or worse! They could end up in purgatory - like Brian Dunkleman and Paula's prescriptions!

Bwahahahaha!

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I'm sure as your reading this, you're imagining your own personal connection with a certain animated film (Disney or not) from your childhood. For me, it's 1981's classic "The Fox and the Hound." I wore that tape out. That movie had such an impression on me as a child that I named my nearest and dearest childhood dog Copper, after one of the film's main characters.

That is just my example. I'm sure that you yourself can think of several instances or items from your past that are so dear to your heart that just thinking about them puts a smile on your face.

Now, I don't mean to make you all mushy and sentimental without a purpose. (I always have a purpose for that.)

Because this lingering feeling of nostalgia is so precious I think it would be wise for us to not only enjoy it, but to plan ahead for it.

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Chances are, when we get older, we are going to look back on today and try our best to recall and relive the glory that was college life at JSU. Let's make it a little easier on ourselves.

Throughout the journey of life, I believe it is definitely within our best interest to take along the occasional souvenir or two. The older we get the more important our past becomes. It's within our memories that we discover who we were, and by extension who we are as people.

The famous American writer Saul Bellow put it beautifully, "Everyone needs memories. They keep the wolf of insignificance from the door."

The Point: Plan on the inevitable feeling of nostalgia. Enjoy it. Look forward to looking back.

Until Next Time,
Logan
(Loganhuggins1@gmail.com)

Complied by Kevin Brant courtesy Perez Hilton.com

Calendar

April 1

Water Balloon Fight

2pm at the parking lot of International House
Sponsored by ISO



April 2

Tasters Fair

Come and Try food dishes
From Around the world
5pm- 7pm
Leone Cole Auditorium

TODAY



MADDEN 11

XBOX Tournament Today at 3:00 pm Self Hall Room 236
\$5 to enter. Cash Prize for the Winner!!!
Refershments and Fun!!!
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OPINION

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, WE ASK YOU, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?



Chicken Scratch

Aww man. The inspection notice in the Brewer elevator is expired. I'm not using that elevator anymore.

I'm a Piranha!!!

Rip it, Roll it, and PUNCH IT!!!

First you were all like "whoa", and we were like "whoa", and you were like "whoa..."

Eat my bubbles!!!!

Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming.

I shall call him Squishy and he shall be mine and he shall be my Squishy.

Oh would you just shut up? You're rats with wings!

Happy Birthday Monquita De-Shay Woods, I hope you are reading this in class.

Music is the air I breathe.

What happened to Ruben Studdard?

Hey ho, let's go.

You got a flat tire.

hey lee, its raining

I look forward to seeing Transformers 3 this summer

There may be a 3-way tie between Brea Kelley, El Nicole and Jelisa Raquel for the hottest babes on campus.

Thank you Gamecock express for driving on by a stop when i was standing there waiting to get on.

Shout out to all the beautiful women taking pictures of themselves in NASTY bathroom mirrors. SEXY!!!

My Friend: Man she is shaped in a coke bottle. Me: that's awesome, can't wait to meet her. (she walks in) My Friend: so did I disappoint? Me: No, you did say a coke bottle but you didn't say it was a 3 liter.

Congrats to the JSU Rifle Team for finishing fourth at the NCAA Championships!!!

If it ain't broke don't fix it but if it is broke you should probably go to the CLINIC!!!

Gas is so high that instead of it costing an arm and a leg it is

nevermind

Sometimes when I'm alone I think about why I am alone only to discover that I am lonely.

Message to self: Bang head here and drink coca cola to wake up. This is especially true if you had less then 2 hours of sleep the night before.

If someone is constantly offering you gum or candy, they might be attempting to tell that your breath stinks.

pepsi or water? You Decide

Boyace-Jajuan is awesome.

Went to AJ's and found too many grenades.

Remember those old Gap commercials where people would dance in the dressing rooms... ya that was my weekend.

... that's what she said

some people are like clouds. when they disapper it's a brighter day

Heflin With A College

By: James Burton
SPECIAL TO THE CHANTICLEER

Hi folks, it's Burton again. I came out of retirement (graduation) to give you my two cents worth about the natives trying to screw college students as often and as many ways as possible. To them, I present an open letter.

Dear Jacksonville natives who hate college students: Do you have any earthly idea what it's like to live in a college town? Obviously not. Our university does it's best to provide the best with the students, while you, the city and it's native residents, do what you can to quell those very efforts. In case you haven't noticed, JSU is trying to make themselves the next powerhouse, and what are you trying to do? You're trying to make Jacksonville the next Munford. What is wrong with this picture???

You complain about partying students and do whatever you can in your power to stop them by trying to pass housing sanctions that would, in pretty much any other state, be shot down as unconstitutional. What gives you the right to say who and who can't live with each other? It's not like these are a bunch convicted sex offenders living together.

These are college students who are trying to learn and, yes, they want to have some fun too. Is that so wrong? Just because you couldn't learn the basic principle of moderation during your strict upbringing doesn't mean you have to pass down the sacred law of ignorance, er, I mean temperance upon the land. We are talking real fun here, and not the kind of fun that's

early, but of course that means catering to college kids and we see how you feel about us?

I, for one, am sick and tired of people being ungrateful that we are the reason your city flourishes. Sure, people are like "Oh, but the town was here first. The university came later." Well, of course it did! It was the county seat back then. Then the courthouse was moved to Anniston and guess what got put in the old courthouse... if you guessed a college then you're on your A-Game today.

With no county seat, what else was supposed to keep the city alive - The sparkling personalities of the citizens? Backwards towns like Jacksonville are the reason why the rest of the United States still looks at the South as the running joke of our great nation. If it were not for Jacksonville State, you would be smaller than Lincoln before the Honda plant was built. But that would suit you just fine, wouldn't it? Why, exactly?

Do some people just want to keep their heads in the clouds? Do they want to cling to the New South Creed and stay blissfully in their 19th century way of life? Still bitter over integration? Well guess what, folks. This is the 21st century and you need to get with the times, because the more you shove your hate-filled, antiquated rhetoric down our throats, the more of a suitcase college this will become. The more bad press that the city gets, the fewer people will want to go here.

Next thing you know, you'll get what you want.

What happened to Ruben Studdard?

Hey ho, let's go.

You got a flat tire.

Boom Boom Pot

The Party Don't Start Til I Walk In...

Be the change you wish to see in the world.

Selfish people make me angry.

boy I like this

If it ain't broke don't fix it but if it is broke you should probably go to the CLINIC!!!

Gas is so high that instead of it costing an arm and a leg it is now costing ribs, firstborn kids and your brains to pay for it.

I am a baller. So this week when I go to Studio 231 Imma pour out 5 gallons of 93 octane. Uhhhhhhh!!!!

did you know that if your head is bigger then your hand you may have cancer oh wait !

... that's what she said

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upbringing doesn't mean you have to pass down the sacred law of ignorance, erm, I mean temperance upon the land. We are talking real fun here, and not the kind of fun that's closing your shop at 6:00 so you can go home and watch Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

Discriminating against the COLLEGE STUDENTS in a COLLEGE TOWN is a prime example of biting the hand that feeds you. Try opening up some businesses that actually cater to us, and not people who fall asleep watching Matlock repeats. Keep restaurants open later because sometimes, and I know this is crazy, students have to work late and we're sick of the same three fast food joints. In the real world, restaurants that close at 10:00 wouldn't last six months. You're missing a lot of revenue from closing

the more of a suitcase college this will become. The more bad press that the city gets, the fewer people will want to go here.

Next thing you know, you'll get what you want. You need to remember what happened to Anniston when Fort McClellan closed. If you insist on slowly killing this university, then you will deserve every bit of what happens to you and your precious town. If you don't like living in a town that is evolving, then go move to Borden Springs or Esom Hill, instead of driving your town into extinction just to prove a point.

I jokingly say that I will come back one day and buy a billboard that in the outskirts of town that says "Welcome to Jacksonville: Heflin, with a college." but you know what? If Heflin had a college, they'd be a lot more grateful for the opportunity.



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There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. Rebuttals will be published no later than two weeks after publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

After reading the article in The Anniston Star about the record grade point average (GPA) of JSU's athletic teams, I read with interest the article "Encouraging Athletes in the Classroom" in the February 5th edition of The Chanticleer. Unless you work with JSU athletes, few people realize the demands of our athletes not only academically but also with his/her sport. Although each team has a specific playing season, fall or spring semester (men and women's basketball overlap both semesters), there is never any "off semester/season" as the athlete is responsible for balancing conditioning, individual practices, and weights, in addition to academics.

It truly is a team effort for all involved in assisting JSU athletes. Each person/group involved has specific responsibilities with the

athletes. Ultimately, credit for athletes' success in academics is the responsibility of each individual athlete. JSU has many athletes who excel in academics, but there are many, as with the regular student body, that need some assistance. Unfortunately your article gave little credit to the tutors of ACE: Tutoring Services for the athletes' gains in academics. ACE: Tutoring Services employs approximately 40 tutors who work closely with many athletes for many courses, as well as the JSU regular student body.

The article stated "With more athletes attending sessions, there is a 150 percent increase in the use of the Academic Center for Excellence". According to data kept within ACE: Tutoring Services, since the Fall 2000-2001 academic year, there has been a 57% increase in all student usage of ACE. With respect to athletes,

during the Fall 2010 semester, tutors tutored a total of 159 athletes in one (1) to five (5) courses for a combined total of 2,659 contact hours during the semester. The retention rate (courses not dropped during the semester) for athletes was 90%. The pass rate of athletes tutored during the Fall was 84%. Tutors often rearrange their work schedule to accommodate an athlete due to practice, games, travel, tests, or papers due, while they themselves are students taking 16+ hours during the semester and tutoring 16 to 20 hours per week. The tutors go above and beyond to assist JSU athletes in addition to our regular students.

Comparing Fall 2009 to Fall 2010, ACE tutors assisted a total of 90 athletes in tutoring and provided 151 athletes an area for study hall during the Fall 2009. During Fall 2010, a total of 159 athletes were tutored, while 139

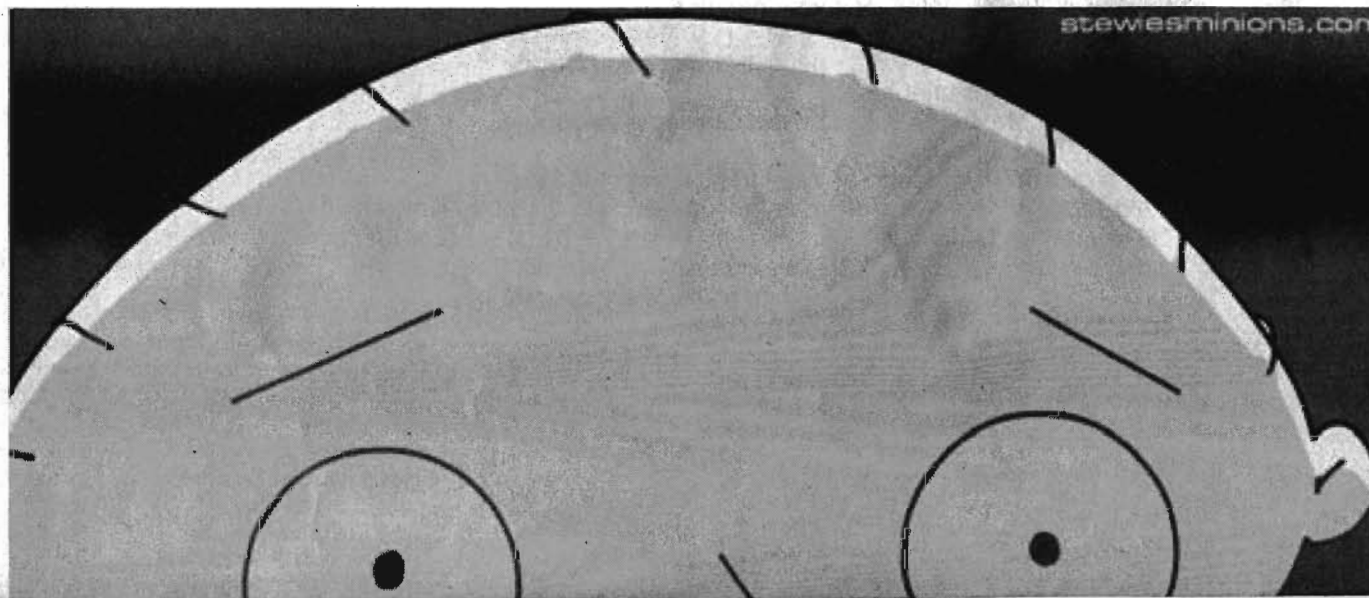
athletes utilized ACE for study hall. This represents a 24% increase for Fall 2010.

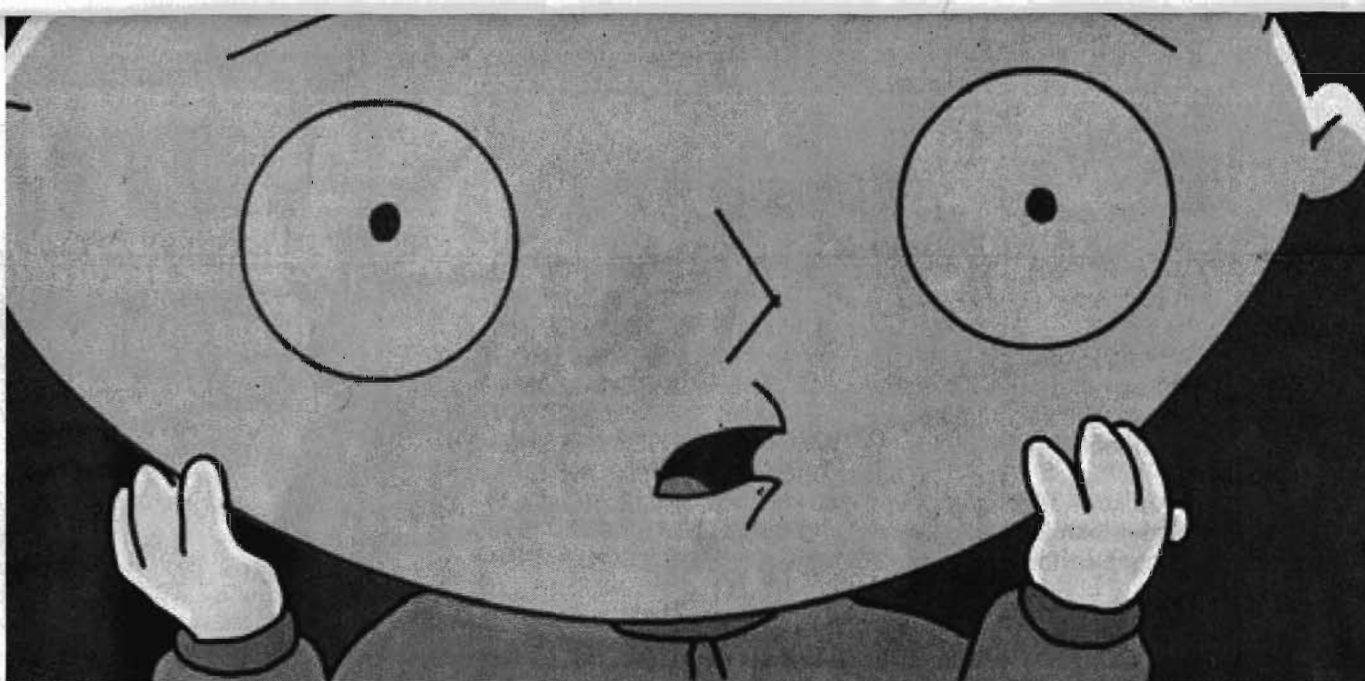
A crucial part of a reporter's responsibility is to investigate everything involved in the article being written. Contacts with everyone involved with athletes (i.e. faculty, coaches, athletic advisors, athletes, and tutors) could have garnered a more complete picture of the entire reason for the GPA success of JSU athletes.

In light of the information I have provided, it is apparent that special recognition be given to the tutors of ACE for a job well done and their dedication to JSU athletes as well as the JSU student body.

Sincerely,

Ann L. Poe, Coordinator
ACE: Tutoring Services





WHAT THE DEUCE?! You don't write for The Chanticleer??
Well, you're about as bad as Brian is with his novel!

We see a lot of people wanting to join The Chanticleer and we want YOU to come join our team as well. We meet every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in room 180 of Self Hall.

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JSU ROTC: More Than Meets The Eye

By: Kevin Brant
 Co-Editor

People have heard of ROTC and know they are based at Rowe Hall on the JSU Campus. People also know they wear military uniforms. I wanted to see what the ROTC does.

On March 25, I took the near three hour trip to Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga., to see where JSU ROTC cadets do receive some of their training. During my visit there, I got to see and observe a military training exercise.

In order to serve and protect our country, these cadets are put in a variety of different situations they may encounter while serving in the Armed Services. The training exercise I got to see involved planning an ambush and carrying it out. The pressure was on to carry it out as orders stated. It got even more intense when other military people dressed up as members of the press to see how the soldiers would react. At the end of the exercise, team leaders gave a briefing on how they did and what areas to work on for the future.

While on base, I also got to see where the airborne training goes on. This is where you learn to carry out missions that involve cadets and eventually soldiers jumping out of

airplanes. I also got to see several shooting ranges and a road tanks drive on.

Another big part of my trip was seeing the different Military vehicles. I saw a Military ambulance like the ones they used in the television show M.A.S.H., Humvees, jeeps and even old Airplanes used by the Air Force.

I also saw what is called a confidence course. It is like an obstacle course but it helps to boost your confidence to do all it takes to defend the country. The obstacle course had a variety of things to do such as climbing ropes riding a zip line and a really high tower.

While still on the base, I noticed cadets with books running. I wondered what was going on. I was then told that cadets while in uniform are required to run to each and every class they have. To get around the base as a cadet the only time you walk where you are going is when you are off duty or you have a major injury. Injury of course does not stop people from trying to run as they are supposed to.

This experience did help me get a better understanding of what the men and women in the military go through each and every day in protecting and defending our country. What I saw was just a small taste of what they actu-

ally do. Also joining me on this trip was SFC Ricky Jenkins, Martin Weldon who is scholarship coordinator for JSU and Saul Lomax III who is a retail manager for Sodexo.

For more information on the JSU ROTC by going online at <http://www.jsu.edu/rotc/> or by phone at (256) 782-5601.



ROTC Cadets receive further military training at Ft. Benning, Ga. Photo By: Kevin Brant/The Chanticleer

Distinction

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talked about her experiences as a young girl participating in the scouts in Gadsden, the friendships she formed there and how it helped her to develop into the "collaborative leader" she is today. She told a story about how the Girl Scout ring she wears daily came into her possession after finding it in an antique shop in Denver, CO. After Dr. Gauld's speech, Dr. Valerie Richardson, the Luncheon Chair and emcee as well as a recipient of the award last year, presented the awards. She commented that receiving an Women of Distinction award was "truly a remarkable achievement."

The Gold Award winners were presented first. "That really is a more demanding process than even getting Eagle Scout," said Dr. Gauld. The Gold Award is the highest level of Girl Scout achievement and was presented to two girls, Shelley Helms Boyers and Leah Bradford, for their contribution to the community. Miss Boyers received the award due to her part in establishing awareness for the public library in her hometown of Southside and working hard to provide the children of the community with their own section of the library through raising funds and recruiting volunteers. Miss Bradford helped to establish a public library in Glencoe, and her hard work resulted in the donation of the essential ingredients of a library: books, desks, computers and shelves, as well as people to help run the facility.

After the Gold Award recipients were presented, the 2011 Women of Distinction awards were presented to five ladies from this state to honor their hard work and contribution to making their communities better places and helping others. Kendall Lowe Hamilton received an award for her Devan Lowe Honor Roll program which donates a car to an honor roll senior in high school at Etowah County in order to promote success in academics. Jane Leatherbury Newman was the chairman of a campaign for her local Humane Society and her efforts helped to raise \$1.2 million dollars to build a new shelter, and was presented an award for her work. Another award went to Marie Manning, who earned the award for her work as a leader and member of several community groups such as the Pell City Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Domestic Violence Center of St. Claire County. Sandra Stephens received her award for her leadership skills and experience with the Community Bankers Association of Alabama, the Sylacauga Rotary Club and the B.B. Comer Memorial Library Foundation.

Dr. Richardson then presented the Frances E. Couch Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Sarah B. (Sally)



Winners of the 2011 Women of Distinction Award- Brenda Emery, Kendal Hamilton, Jane Newman, Marie Manning and Sandra Stephens. **Photo by Kevin Brant/THE CHANTICLEER**

Smith, saying "Sally uses her considerable talent in the veterinary field to make her community a better place." Dr. Smith is the owner of the Sleeping Giant Veterinary Clinic in Talladega. She also teaches anatomy at Talladega High School and participates in the Career Day there. She also has made great contributions to the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind, providing career opportunities and inspiration to the students there. Dr. Smith is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts. "Girl Scouts has always been an important part of my life," she told the audience. "I want other girls to have the opportunities I've had. I want to continue to provide these opportunities to girls."

Dr. Richardson was given a 100th Anniversary Girl Scout pin for her part in the event, and Patricia

K. Coghlan, CEO, gave her remarks. She opened with a poem about the Girl Scouts and then gave a speech about the award winners and the contributions they've made to the community. "They've all shown leadership, which is so important in the world today."

The closing remarks and thanks were given by Chris Ross, president of the Board of Directors, GSCA and thanked all of the committee and staff members present as well as recognized the absent Girl Scout troop.

After the event, Gold Award recipient Shelley Helms Boyers said "The awards ceremony today was really cool because it shows that you keep getting honored the older you get. It's not just for little kids."

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A win for the golf team

GLENCOE – The Jacksonville State men's golf team overcame a two-stroke deficit in the final round to capture the 2011 Grub Mart Invitational at Silver Lakes Golf Course on Tuesday.

It marks the seventh time in the 18-year history that JSU has claimed its own tournament and the second-straight time as it won the 2010 rain-shortened event.

The Gamecocks, who went into the final round a couple of shots off the 36-hole leader, Austin Peay, turned in a final round 293 to post a 54 hole mark of even par (864). The 54-hole final score is the lowest since West Florida combined for an 857 in the 1999 edition of the JSU-hosted event.

JSU Junior Tom Robson joined two other individuals for medalists honors in the two-day event. After the Portsmouth, England-native turned in a 5-under par 36 hole mark, he finished at 213 for the tournament after carding a 2-over par 74.

Sophomore Andres Schonbaum led the Jax State contingent on Tuesday with final round 3-under par 69. Senior Gonzalo Berlin finished 1-over par 73 in the cool, soggy conditions to finish 13th in the individual standings with Schonbaum. Freshman Dorian Fernandez rounded out the JSU line up with a 77 to post an 18th-place finish.

Fellow Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Kentucky finished second with an 871, while APSU, the 36-hole leader, fell to fourth-place in the team stand-

600 and Counting!



Coach Jana McGinnis, who is in her 18th year as head coach poses for a staff picture. She captured her 600th win on March 13th. **Photo Courtesy of JSU Sports Information Desk**

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The Gamecocks will have a final tune up for the OVC Championships as they will take part in the Arkansas State Indian Classic in Jonesboro, Ark. on April 11-12.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 1

WSOC vs Kennessaw State
6 p.m.

Apr 2

WTRACK: Gem of the Hills Invite
All Day

Apr 4

SB vs UTEP (DH)
5 p.m.

WTEN vs Southeast Missouri
1 p.m.

Apr 5

MTEN vs Mercer
1:30 p.m.

WTEN vs Mercer
1:30 p.m.

BB vs UAB
6:30 p.m.

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Jana McGinnis was a two-time All-Gulf South Conference guard in basketball. She holds the JSU women's basketball single season record for assist with 204, as well as the career record for assist with 603. A JSU alumni and one of only two players to have their jerseys retired for the women's basketball program here, McGinnis can add another stat to her illustrious career.

On March 13th with a 4-2 win over Eastern Kentucky, McGinnis recorded her 600th win as head coach of the softball team here at JSU.

While most of McGinnis' previous success has been on a basketball court, she has found her groove in her 18th season as head coach of the softball team here at JSU.

"It feels nice," stated coach McGinnis. "This is not just my own 600th win. A lot of credit goes to all of the assistant coaches, play-

ers and the support of our administration."

McGinnis picked up a struggling JSU softball program in her first year and was asked by the athletic director at the time to "Recruit good players and to get the reputation of the program up," said McGinnis.

McGinnis quickly put the struggling softball program on its feet in her first couple of years. She guided the Gamecocks to the (then conference) Atlantic Sun Western Conference titles in 1996 and 1997, winning the overall conference title in the latter. Along with the help of long time assistant coach Mark Wisener, coach McGinnis has turned the program around with seven seasons of 40 wins, and leading the team to 14 consecutive trips to the Conference Tournaments.

"For the program this is a great accomplishment," stated coach McGinnis on the 600 wins.

One of McGinnis' most memorable moments in her 18-year career was the 2009 NCAA Knox-

ville Regional.

"We beat James Madison, Nebraska and Tennessee to claim the regional title," said McGinnis. That same year the Gamecocks played in the Super Regionals and McGinnis was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year for the third time in her career.

McGinnis also spoke of the 2008 season when the Gamecocks played on national television (ESPN2) in the NCAA Regionals. The Gamecocks were able to beat Florida State twice, but lost to Alabama in the title game.

McGinnis has coached 78 All-Conference and All-Freshman team members and seven Player of the Year and has won conference titles in both Atlantic Sun and Ohio Valley Conferences.

With McGinnis in the midst of her 18th season, she doesn't look to be slowing down and that kind of attitude is reflected in the team. The Lady Gamecocks have an overall record of 23-8 and 10-1 in the conference.

Redemption

JSU's baseball team comes out swinging in the 7th to get the win over Auburn

By **JARED SIMPSON**
SPORTS WRITER

On March 22, the JSU Gamecocks baseball team hosted the Auburn Tigers at Rudy Abbott Field.

The players marked this game on their calendars as they prepared to take on a top SEC school. "We faced these guys a couple of times last year in the regular season and regionals and were not able to come out on top, so we were really looking forward to playing our best tonight," said right fielder Kyle Bluestein.

As the game began, Auburn got out to an early lead on the gamecocks scoring two runs in the fourth inning and two more runs in the sixth.

The Gamecock's bats were in the cave until the bottom of the seventh inning. Erik Underwood had a base hit

that was followed by Michael Bishop's base hit through the right side allowing Underwood to come up with the Gamecocks' first score.

"The fans were huge for us as they cheered us on and our bats finally came together to have a good inning," Bluestein states. JSU had a big seventh inning as Cody Blanchard scored the fourth run on a ground out by Jake Sharrock to tie the game.

Three up, three down as the Gamecocks shut out Auburn in the top of the eighth inning. Bluestein hit a double to left center in the bottom of the eighth and brought into score as Blake Sequin connected with a single and the Gamecocks had their first lead of the game.

With only three outs remaining, JSU brought in Todd Hornsby clip the Tigers.

"He is considered a submarine

pitcher with his fingers almost underneath the ball that makes his pitch go uphill and then drops down creating two or three feet of movement," says first baseman Ben Waldrop.

The Tigers tried to rally in the ninth, but left two men on base as Hornsby closed out the tigers. "It feels great to beat a top team like Auburn and we wanted to come out and make a statement," said Bluestein.

The final score was 5-4 as JSU improves to 15-5 on the season.

"We went down early, but we stuck around, stopped the bleeding and finally got our bats going in the seventh to win the game," said Waldrop. The next home game for the gamecocks will be April 5th against a stellar UAB Blazers team.